



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2264 **Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on September 25, 2003*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2264 would authorize the appropriation of \$18.6 million in each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for a Congo Basin Forest Partnership program. The new program would fund grants by the U.S. Agency for International Development to address issues of deforestation and loss of biodiversity in the tropical forest zone of the Congo river basin in Africa. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$33 million over the 2004-2008 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 2264 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2264 is shown in the following table. The estimate assumes that the bill will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2004, that the authorized amounts will be provided in annual appropriation acts by the start of fiscal years 2004 and 2005, and that outlays will follow the historical spending pattern for development assistance programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	19	19	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	9	12	7	3

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2264 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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